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To Our USC Faculty,

I hope you are taking good care of yourselves and your loved ones. Your well-being, and the practical necessities of teaching and conducting research remotely, are very much on our minds at the USC Libraries.

The USC Libraries are providing several continuing, expanded, and new programs and services as we all work together to end the semester successfully and begin planning for the summer sessions.

- Thousands of electronic [journals](#), [databases](#), and [books](#) remain accessible online. In a number of cases, we're able to provide temporary access to additional digital collections through [new arrangements](#) with publishers.
- Research help continues to be available via [email, chat, and now with Zoom sessions](#). We've expanded live chat hours for the rest of the semester. Please direct your students here to use those services, which of course are also available to you.
- If your teaching or research requires primary sources, large collections of photographs, maps, newspapers, and other sources are available online through the [USC Digital Library and subscription databases](#).
- We are continuing to provide information [literacy and other kinds of library instruction](#) remotely, including sessions that use archives and other specialized collections.
- In some cases, we are able to mail books and other items in the libraries' physical collections to faculty. Please make any requests [here](#).
- The Wilson Dental and Norris Medical Libraries have developed a suite of [remote programs and services](#), including online bioinformatics services, specifically for health sciences students, faculty, researchers, and clinicians.

Those are just a few examples of the library collections, programs, and services available online. You'll find many more ways we can support your online teaching and research on our continually updated [COVID-19 page](#).

While the environment in which we work has changed, please know that our dedication to supporting your teaching and research remains as steadfast as ever. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are resources or services you need that we do not now offer.

Sincerely,



Catherine Quinlan
Dean of the USC Libraries